

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 177
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Tennessee State
Resonator Guitar Competition.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations to recognize those competitions that seek to showcase those individuals with an exceptional musical proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between different cultures; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Tennessee State Resonator Guitar Championship for its many contributions to the realm of musicians who specialize in playing the resonator guitar; and

WHEREAS, the Cookeville Area-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the sixth annual Railroad Rendezvous in May of 2005. Each year a bluegrass music festival is held in conjunction with the Railroad Rendezvous, in which the resonator guitar and its players are featured; and

WHEREAS, the resonator guitar has an extensive influence and is an important instrument in folk, blues, country, and bluegrass music; and

WHEREAS, any contest associated with this exceptional instrument will generate enthusiasm among lovers of folk music, and will surely secure a place in Tennessee's music history; and

WHEREAS, there exists no other State competition which features the resonator guitar and its musicians in competition for the title of Tennessee State Resonator Guitar Champion; and

WHEREAS, this Championship's existence as an annual event, in concert with the Tennessee Central Railroad Rendezvous, will increase awareness and appreciation for the beauty of the resonator guitar; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby recognize and honor the Tennessee State Resonator Guitar Championship for its countless contributions to the world of music.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.